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PASS USDA TO AGRICULTURE SECRETARY AND HUME FAS

ROME PASS FODAG

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: UNWFC, EAGR
SUBJ: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL THIRD SESSION

REF: STATE (A) 94832 AND (B) 106455

1. DR THALOENG THAMRONG-NAWASAWAT, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF
STATE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES,
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INFORMED AG ATTACHE MAY 13 THAT ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS
IN ITS ENTIRETY THE U.S. POSITION AS GIVEN IN REF (A) FOR
THE THIRD WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN
MANILA JUNE 20-24.2. DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY SAYS THAI DELEGATION
TO BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES,
INSI CHANTHARASATHIT. NAMES OF OTHER PERSONS AND SIZE OF
DELEGATION NOT YET DECIDED.

3. THALOENG SAYS MINISTER

INSI WILL BE EXTENDING INVITATION OF SECRETARY BERGLAND TO VISIT THAILAND DURING JUNE TRAVEL IN ASIA (REF B). THALOENG LEAVES BANGKOK MAY 14 FOR WORLD BANK MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF MAY 15 AND WHILE IN WASHINGTON SAYS HE WILL BE WORKING THROUGH THAI EMBASSY TO HAVE SECRETARY BERGLAND INCLUDE THAILAND IN TRAVEL SCHEDULE.

4. NO OUTSTANDING AGRICULTUREAL POLICY PROBLEMS EXIST BETWEEN U.S. AND THAILAND AND EMBASSY BANGKOK WOULD WELCOME SECRETARY BERGLAND'S VISIT. THAILAND IS, AFTER ALL, THE MAJOR FOOD AND FEED GRAIN EXPORTER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND A GROWING COMPETITOR WITH U.S. FARM EXPORTS IN ASIAN MARKETS. MOREOVER, USDA/ARS IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THAI INSTITUTIONS ON TWENTY RESEARCH CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECTS TO OPIUM POPPY. A VISIT WOULD GO FAR TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE FRIENDLY TIES EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A STOPOVER IN THAILAND BE INCLUDED IN THE SECRETARY'S FAR EASTERN ITINERARY. WHITEHOUSE

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